

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 20-22 and 26-30.
2. Claim(s) canceled: 1-19 and 23-25.
3. Claim(s) added: None.
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: 21, 29, and 30.

Claim Amendments

In the Ex parte Quayle Action, the previous restriction requirement was made final. Considering the previous restriction requirement indicated that the application contained no generic claims, previously withdrawn claims 1-19 and 23-25 have been canceled in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Given that independent claims 20 and 26 were indicated as being allowed, their respective withdrawn dependent claims (claims 21, 29, and 30) have not been canceled.

Claims 20 and 26 have been amended to correct the informalities cited on page 2 of the Ex parte Quayle Action. Considering the changes were merely typographical in nature, no new matter has been added.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If after reviewing this amendment the Examiner feels that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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